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## New Englewood nightlife



Englewood resident Bruno Jamais (center), who owns Bruno Jamais Restaurant Club in New York, joins in the festivities of the opening of Michel Bittan's new 201 Supper Club at 90 West Palisade Avenue. Mr. Bittan is at right. The new 10,000 square-foot facility is a complex of dining and dancing rooms that include the Sangria Sake Restaurant. Mr. Bittan also operates the Solaia Restaurant at 22 North Van Brunt Street, Englewood.

approved, 5-1, a rent control ordinance on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Provisions of the measure, which went through 12 drafts, include a hike in allowable increases, unlimited vacancy decontrol and the elimination of

percent where heat is provided. Previously, the allowable increases were 2 and 3 percent, respectively.

Mayor Jacqueline B. Kates explained that the council has a Nov. 1 deadline every year to pass a rent control ordinance, or it dies.

She said that this year several landlords had banded together and retained an attorney.

The mayor, Deputy Mayor Deborah Veach and Councilwoman Monica Honis were "very concerned," she said, about the prospect of unlimited vacancy decontrol.

Councilmen Paul S. Ostrow, Emil "Yitz" Stern and Michael A. Gallucci felt "landlords need to negotiate a fair market-level rent," Mayor Kates said.

Councilman Gallucci voted against the ordinance. "He felt we don't need rent control," she said.

Councilman Elie Y. Katz recused himself because he is a landlord.

Councilman Ostrow said that "on analysis" the limited vacancy decontrol that had existed—an allowable rent increase of up to 10 percent every two years when an apartment becomes vacant—needed to be improved.

He said that landlords were claiming that they didn't have enough money to maintain their properties and tenants were complaining that repairs were not

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## Party leaders foresee Weinberg victory

# High court extends stay on ballots

The N.J. Supreme Court ruled Wednesday, Oct. 5, to extend the stay, beyond press time, on the opening of five disputed ballots that will determine who will succeed state Senator Byron M. Baer (D-Dist. 37), who resigned Thursday, Sept. 8.

Party leaders believed that Assemblywoman Loretta L.

Weinberg would win the seat over Hackensack Police Chief Charles "Ken" Zisa.

The struggle over who will represent the Democrats on the ballot for state senator from District 37 shifts to who will represent this party on the ballot for the Assembly seat which would be vacated should Assemblywoman

Loretta Weinberg step down, as is expected, so she might run Senator Baer's seat.

Once again, Hackensack Police Chief Charles K. "Ken" Zisa, battered in a bruising battle with Ms. Weinberg for the Senate seat, is facing a new round of tussling

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# Codey sends more help to the South

Directed by Acting Governor Richard J. Codey, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management sent 148 additional police officers and medical support personnel to New Orleans Wednesday morning, Sept. 28, and sent 30 decontamination personnel on Thursday, Sept. 29.

New Jersey's third deployment also represents the second wave of replacement personnel, which demonstrates the State's ongoing commitment to providing disaster relief. The new wave of personnel will allow most of the 173 police officers and decontamination technicians who left New Jersey on September 18 and 19 to return home.

Included are members of the Bergen County Sheriff's office.

"No other state is helping New Orleans the way New Jersey is," Acting Governor Codey said. "No other state has set up a self-sufficient police station to lead the emergency services for an entire section of that great city."

"New Jersey also stands ready to help the areas affected by Hurricane Rita, as soon as those states request our help. None of this would be possible without New Jersey's first responders, who are among the best in the nation."

Over the next few days, the expected total of 178 police officers and decontamination technicians will settle into the self-contained base camp for New Jersey's "Operation LEAD" - the name given to New Jersey's unprecedented effort to handle police and

other emergency services for New Orleans' Second Police District and the surrounding region.

"Operation LEAD" stands for "Louisiana Emergency Assistance Deployment." The officers leaving this week represent state, county and local departments from counties including Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Mercer, Morris, Ocean and Union.

Colonel Rick Fuentes, Superintendent of New Jersey State Police and Director of the State Office of Emergency Management, said, "New Jersey is responding to this disaster in a truly unprecedented way, and the folks back home have a lot to be

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## Englewood man killed while crossing avenue

ENGLEWOOD — A 58-year-old city man was killed Wednesday, Sept. 21, as he attempted to cross Grand Avenue.

Menachem Rosenfeld was on Grand at Madison Avenue. As he tried to cross from east to west at 2:46 p.m., an SUV traveling north in the left lane, struck him.

He was not in the intersection's crosswalk.

He was taken to Englewood Hospital and Medical Center where he was pronounced dead, said Sgt. Tim Reilly.

The driver of the SUV was Michael Culver, 39, of Teaneck. "He said that all of a sudden [Mr. Rosenfeld] was just there," the sergeant said.

No charges were filed against Mr. Culver.

"He wasn't speeding. It was just a tragic accident," Sgt. Reilly said.

There were no witnesses to the accident.

# Kids for Katrina: Englewood fundraiser

ENGLEWOOD - Students of this city, who attend public, private, yeshiva and parochial schools learned of a treacherous Katrina rescue and then were entertained by the authentic New Orleans jazz performance by Warren Battiste, who has relocated to Teaneck.

The occasion was "Kids for Katrina Relief" a two-hour, educational-based, fundraiser that was coordinated by cancer survivor and therapeutic humor champion, Saranne Rothberg, founder of The Comedy Cares Foundation.

"Hundreds and hundreds of children from Lincoln, Cleveland, Quarles and Dismus, St. Cecilia's and Moriah Schools poured into the auditorium (at Dwight Morrow High School) armed with a handmade card for a victim, and/or pocket change donation and/or a joke. The children were thrilled to attach their messages of hope to be donated with newly stuffed animals for delivery to Katrina victims."

Both Ms. Rothberg and Mayor Wildes moderated a question and



Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes joins with some of the students who attended the Kids for Katrina fundraiser.

answer session with Mr. Battiste and a student representative from each school. Mayor Wildes gave a tribute to Ms. Rothberg and Mr. Battiste for their innovative collaboration on the event and performances with the children.

Mr. Battiste said he was overwhelmed by the love, appreciation and enthusiasm and thanked the children and adults, "God Bless you all. This was a beautiful day. You gave me so much joy. I laughed and had a lot of fun."